

CLAIMS

1. A method for paying and verifying fees for a service, such as a parking fee, comprising a communication unit, **characterized by**

loading said communication unit with a message, such as the fact that a fee has been paid for said service, said message comprising identification information about a receiver intended for receiving said message.

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2. The method of claim 1, **characterized by** polling said communication unit by a receiver terminal having a receiver terminal identification information and receiving said message provided that said receiver identification information agrees with said receiver terminal identification.

3. The method of claim 1 or 2, **characterized by** loading said communication unit by a personal terminal, whereby the validity of the message is proven through the use of codes, secret information, encryption or cryptographic signatures.

4. The method of claim 3, **characterized in that** said message is signed so that the identity of the user is defined, such as the identity of the personal terminal or the person using it or the identity of the vehicle.

5. The method of claim 2, 3 and 4, **characterized in that** said receiver terminal is arranged to verify a payment of a fee by analysing the contents of the message.

6. The method of any one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** said communication unit is arranged

inside a vehicle for indicating that a parking fee has been paid.

5 7. The method of claim 5, **characterized** in that said communication unit is wirelessly available from outside the vehicle by said receiving terminal.

8. A system for paying and verifying fees for a service, such as a parking fee, comprising a communication
10 unit, **characterized** by
a message which is loaded into said communication unit, such as the fact that a fee has been paid for said service, said message comprising identification information about a receiver intended for receiving said message.

15 9. The system of claim 8, **characterized** by
a receiver terminal having a receiver terminal identification information, for polling said communication unit and for receiving said message provided that said
20 receiver identification information agrees with said receiver terminal identification.

10. The system of claim 8 or 9, **characterized** by
a personal terminal for loading said communication
25 unit, whereby the validity of the message is proven through the use of codes, secret information, encryption or cryptographic signatures.

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